Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
10/21/2019	Central Patrol Division / East Los Angeles Station	☐	☐

Incident Information

URN: 019-14633-0263-055	Date: 10/20/2019	Time: 1114 hrs
City or Station: Cudahy	Nature of Incident: At the termination of a reckless drunk driver pursuit, the suspect abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot. The suspect pointed a handgun at Deputy Coyle resulting in a deputy involved shooting.	
Location: [redacted] Santa Ana Street, Cudahy		

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☑ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other: driveway

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☑ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: Approx. 120-150 feet

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☑ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☑ Canine Unit? ☑

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
5-6	0

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Lopez	Jerry		☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Inital	Kina	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Escobedo	Nancy	

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
10/20/2019	1330 hrs	10/21/2019	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Puebla	Victor	
[redacted]	Valle	Paul	S
[redacted]	Smitson	Eric	C

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	FH	UNK	UNK			NN	NN
E1	S1	FH	SW	45	Y	Y	NN	NN

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Coyle	First Name Robert	M.I. F
Sex: M Race: W	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 28T
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☑ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☑ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 5-6 hours; Age: [redacted] Height: 602	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]; Weight: 215	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]	Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson Caliber 45	# Shots 5	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]	

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: ; Age: Height:	Duty Time (hrs): ; Weight:	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐ Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings:	Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
Field Training Officer Emp # Last Name	First Name	M.I.	

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: ; Age: Height:	Duty Time (hrs): ; Weight:	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐ Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings:	Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
Field Training Officer Emp # Last Name	First Name	M.I.	

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **On-Duty Non-Hit Shooting**

IAB FILE NUMBER: **SH 2496050**

URN #: **919-14633-0263-055**

DATE/TIME: **October 20, 2019, 1114 hours**

LOCATION: [redacted] **Santa Ana Street, Cudahy**

SUMMARY

On October 20, 2019, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force and Shooting Rollout Team, comprised of Lieutenant Eric Smitson, and Sergeants Victor Puebla and Paul Valle responded to [redacted] Santa Ana Street in the city of Cudahy, regarding an on-duty deputy involved non-hit shooting. The incident involved East Los Angeles Station Deputy Robert Coyle, who fired his duty weapon at an armed suspect at the terminus of a vehicle pursuit.

IAB Lieutenant Eric Smitson took reasonable steps to ensure Deputy Coyle was in the company of a supervisor and did not discuss the incident with uninvolved persons prior to writing his supplemental report.

Detectives Michael Lugo, #[redacted] and Ralph Higareda, #[redacted] assigned to East Los Angeles Station, arrived and assumed control of the criminal investigation. Information regarding their investigation was documented within incident and supplemental reports, under Uniform Report Number 919-14633-0263-055 **[EXHIBIT A]**.

SYNOPSIS

On October 20, 2019, at approximately 1112 hours, East Los Angeles Station (ELA) Unit 28T, Deputy Robert Coyle, [redacted] Incident History Report #ELA19293-0109. Upon completion of the call, he crossed the street toward his patrol vehicle, and observed a gray, Toyota Corolla, California license plate number [redacted] The car traveled eastbound on Live Oak Street, driven by a male Hispanic adult (suspect), who was the sole occupant. When Deputy Coyle entered his patrol vehicle, he was alerted by the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system to a lost/stolen license plate associated with the suspect's vehicle.

IAB Note: Department vehicles equipped with ALPR system have mounted cameras which capture vehicle license plates and compares the information to onboard databases for stolen vehicles, lost/stolen license plates, and wanted felons. The ALPR system alerts deputy personnel, with an audible tone, when the vehicle license plate is linked to any of these databases.

Deputy Coyle initiated a u-turn to follow the vehicle and verify the lost/stolen license plate information. This vehicle maneuver allowed the suspect's vehicle to create a separation gap of approximately two hundred feet, as it proceeded southbound on Wilcox Avenue from Live Oak Street. Deputy Coyle lost sight of the vehicle and attempted to relocate it as he drove southbound on Wilcox Avenue. Deputy Coyle conducted a vehicle license plate inquiry, via his patrol vehicle's Mobile Digital Computer (MDC), to confirm the status of the ALPR alert. The MDC query did not provide an immediate return of information.

In the distance, Deputy Coyle observed a vehicle, matching the description, turn westbound on Clara Street. Deputy Coyle proceeded westbound and maintained a visual of the suspect's vehicle. There were multiple vehicles ahead of him, and he was unable to close the distance due to the vehicular traffic.

IAB Note: Clara Street is a residential street with one marked lane for traffic in each direction. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour.

Deputy Coyle utilized his portable radio to conduct a vehicle license plate inquiry. Sheriff's Communication Center dispatcher confirmed the lost/stolen license plate information. The suspect's vehicle continued westbound on Clara Street and accelerated to a speed of approximately fifty miles per hour, exceeding the residential speed limit.

Upon approaching Atlantic Boulevard, the suspect's vehicle abruptly veered into the eastbound traffic lane and turned southbound from the wrong side of the road. The suspect's vehicle slowed to a stop due to stalled traffic, which allowed Deputy Coyle to close the distance to five car lengths. As traffic proceeded forward, the suspect's vehicle recklessly weaved in and out of traffic lanes at a higher rate of speed than the flow of traffic, and nearly side swiped other vehicles. Based on Deputy Coyle's observations, he formed the opinion the suspect was driving recklessly under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs with no regard for the public's safety.

As the suspect's vehicle approached Santa Ana Street, Deputy Coyle closed the distance, with no cars in between them, and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. Deputy Coyle activated his red forward facing light. The suspect's vehicle made an abrupt eastbound turn onto Santa Ana Street with no regard for oncoming

traffic. The suspect's vehicle failed to stop and accelerated to a speed of approximately 50 to 60 miles per hour. A vehicle pursuit was initiated. Deputy Coyle activated the duplex patch and advised he was in pursuit.

IAB Note: **The duplex patch is activated to broadcast immediate and emergent radio traffic, allowing responding deputy personnel and the Sheriff's Communication Center to directly communicate with one another.**

IAB Note: **Santa Ana Street is a residential street with one lane of traffic in each direction. The posted speed limit was 30 miles per hour.**

During the pursuit, the suspect's vehicle swerved onto the wrong side of the road and drove through the intersection located at Santa Ana Street and Wilcox Avenue, which was a four-way intersection controlled by stop signs. The suspect abandoned the vehicle in front of [redacted] in the middle of the street, and fled on foot. He ran eastbound on the south sidewalk, and continued southbound through the driveway located at [redacted] Santa Ana Street.

IAB Note: **The pursuit traversed eastbound on Santa Ana Street for approximately thirty-nine seconds at an estimated average speed of 44 miles per hour. A vehicle pursuit evaluation memorandum was authored by the Watch Commander, Sergeant Nancy Escobedo, #[redacted] [Exhibit B].**

Deputy Coyle drove past the suspect's unoccupied vehicle and stopped his patrol unit in front of the driveway. Upon exiting the patrol vehicle, he observed the suspect holding a black semi-automatic handgun. The suspect was approximately fifteen to thirty feet away, as he continued to run southbound through the driveway.

IAB Note: **The location was a multi-unit property containing [redacted] residential units and a shared common driveway which was approximately [redacted] feet long.**

Utilizing his portable radio, Deputy Coyle immediately advised the suspect was armed with a firearm. Deputy Coyle yelled commands to the suspect and ordered him to drop the weapon. Simultaneously, Deputy Coyle advanced towards the front end of the patrol vehicle to obtain cover next to a retaining wall. The wall was located approximately 8-10 feet away, along the east end of the driveway. Within seconds, the suspect turned and extended the handgun in Deputy Coyle's direction, from a distance of approximately 120 to 150 feet. Fearing for his life, Deputy Coyle fired two to three rounds from his duty weapon at the suspect. The suspect turned forward and continued to run; however, a

short distance later, the suspect turned again and extended the gun in Deputy Coyle's direction. Deputy Coyle fired two to three rounds from his duty weapon at the suspect. The suspect continued to run southbound to the end of the driveway, turned westbound through the rear properties, and out of view.

Deputy Coyle immediately voiced radio traffic indicating he was involved in a deputy involved shooting. He performed a tactical reload of his handgun. He voiced additional radio traffic to provide the suspect's description, the suspect's last seen direction of travel, and he possessed a weapon.

> **IAB Note:** **A tactical reload is when a partially loaded semi-automatic magazine is removed from a firearm and is replaced with a fully loaded magazine, returning the firearm to its full ammunition capacity.**

A containment of the area was established and Special Enforcement Bureau personnel responded. A search of the area was conducted but the suspect, nor the handgun were located.

Upon further investigation, the license plates on the suspect's vehicle [redacted] were confirmed to be stolen license plates, which were reported to the Huntington Park Police Department on October 9, 2019, under file #19-05865. An inquiry of the vehicle's identification number confirmed the vehicle was reported stolen to the Huntington Park Police Department on October 5, 2019, under file #19-05781.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Coyle, Robert, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
East Los Angeles Station

Date of Employment: December 14, 2017
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Law Enforcement Experience:



Equipment Worn On Person

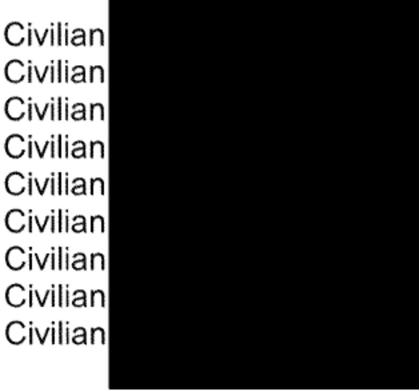
Deputy Coyle wore a short-sleeved Class A uniform, bullet resistant vest, and a Sam Browne duty belt, which contained the following equipment: Smith and Wesson M&P 2.0, .45 caliber semi-automatic firearm, two sets of handcuffs, OC Spray, three extra magazines, a Taser, a pocket knife, a hobble restraint, and a portable radio. Deputy Coyle also carried a Smith and Wesson 642, .38 caliber revolver, in his right, front, pants pocket.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

The criminal investigation was investigated by East Los Angeles Station detectives. The suspect was outstanding and had not been identified upon completion of this shooting/force review.

WITNESSES

The following persons were identified as possible witnesses:



Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]

INJURIES:

There were no reported injuries to deputy personnel as a result of this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Documentation of the scene was described in detail by Scientific Services Bureau personnel **[EXHIBIT E]**, which was consistent with IAB investigator's observations. All physical evidence was photographed, documented, and collected by Forensic Identification Specialists, Yvette Gonzalez, #[redacted] My Nguyen, #[redacted] and Antoinette Bravo, #[redacted] Scientific Services Bureau personnel photographed the scene and downloaded the digital images **[EXHIBIT H]**.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

Deputy Coyle recalled he fired between 4-6 rounds of Department approved ammunition from his Smith & Wesson (S&W), model M&P 2.0, .45 ACP semiautomatic pistol.

On October 20, 2019, IAB investigators, along with ELA Detectives Lugo and Higareda, responded to East Los Angeles Station and conducted a round count and seizure of Deputy Coyle's handgun for testing. Deputy Coyle rendered his duty weapon safe, which contained one live round in the chamber, and he removed a fully loaded magazine containing 10 live rounds (10 round capacity magazine).

Deputy Coyle stated he performed a tactical reload of his handgun after the shooting, and placed the primary magazine in his right, rear pants pocket. Deputy Coyle removed the magazine from his pants pocket, which was an extended S&W magazine containing 8 live rounds (14 round capacity magazine).

Based on the round count, if Deputy Coyle's handgun was loaded to full capacity with the extended magazine (total of 15 rounds), he presumably fired 6 rounds at the time of the shooting.

IAB Note: **A total of 5 expended shell casings were recovered on the south sidewalk and the south curb line of Santa Ana Street, along the passenger side of Deputy Coyle's patrol vehicle.**

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

Senior Criminalist April Whitehead, #[redacted] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Identification Section, examined and test fired the Smith & Wesson firearm, which was determined to be functional **[EXHIBIT G]**.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

The suspect was observed to be in possession of a black, semi-automatic handgun.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

The location was a multi-unit residence containing [redacted] residences on the property and the common driveway was approximately [redacted] feet long. The residences are lined up in tandem, along the [redacted] side of the property, with [redacted] between each residence. The residential addresses were identified as [redacted]

There were three vehicles parked in the garage driveway between [redacted] facing [redacted] and the northern-most vehicle was covered by an [redacted]. There was a possible bullet hole in a bean bag weight attached to the [redacted] leg of the [redacted] There was a possible bullet impact in the rear cargo door of a [redacted] California license plate #[redacted] which was parked in the garage driveway between [redacted]

There was a possible bullet hole in the [redacted] fence at the [redacted] end of the main residential driveway. There was a possible bullet impact on the exterior

north wall of [redacted] which was on the opposite side of the [redacted] fence line.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The incident occurred outdoors during daylight hours on a clear and sunny day.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS:

East Los Angeles Station Main Frequency, Dispatch 3

00:15 – Deputy Coyle voiced a license plate inquiry for CA license plate [redacted]

00:32 – Sheriff's Communication Center dispatcher advised the license plate information returned to two lost/stolen plates.

01:14 – Deputy Coyle requested the duplex patch and advised he was in pursuit of a reckless DUI driver.

01:54 – Deputy Coyle advised the suspect fled on foot on Santa Ana Street, east of Alamo Avenue.

02:07 – Deputy Coyle advised the suspect was armed with a handgun.

02:13 – Deputy Coyle advised he was involved in a deputy involved shooting. The sound of gunshots was heard in the radio traffic.

02:25 – Deputy Coyle provided a suspect description, last seen direction of travel, and requested a containment of the area.

04:25 – Deputy Coyle advised the suspect pointed a black handgun at him.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE:

ELA Detective Andrew Hernandez obtained video surveillance camera footage from a resident who resides at [redacted], Cudahy. The following is a timeline of the footage **[Exhibit C]**.

00:07 – Suspect ran eastbound on Santa Ana Street and continued southbound through the driveway located at [redacted] Santa Ana Street.

00:10 – A patrol unit traveled eastbound on Santa Ana Street and stopped at the mouth of the driveway.

00:15 – Deputy Coyle exited the patrol vehicle and a deputy involved shooting occurred.

IAB investigators submitted the video footage to the Fraud and Cybercrimes, High Tech Taskforce, for possible video enhancement of the suspect. Deputy [redacted], #[redacted] assigned to the Orange County Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, reviewed the video footage but was unable to provide any enhancements due to the quality of the video. Per Deputy [redacted] Technical Services Report, he extracted four images which show the suspect "holding a dark object in his right hand." The images were printed and submitted to IAB investigators **[Exhibit D]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENT:

The following narrative is intended only as a synopsis of the interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by the involved deputies.

DEPUTY ROBERT COYLE

On October 31, 2019, IAB Sergeants Puebla and Jeffrey Hamil interviewed Deputy Coyle at the IAB offices.

Deputy Coyle was alerted by the ALPR system to a lost/stolen license plate associated with the suspect's vehicle. Deputy Coyle followed the vehicle to investigate the alert but he was unable to visually confirm the license plate of until he closed the distance on Atlantic Boulevard. By that time, Deputy Coyle formed the opinion the suspect was driving recklessly under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and was concerned about the public's safety rather than the possible lost/stolen license plate investigation. Deputy Coyle believed the suspect would cause a traffic collision and seriously hurt or kill someone if he was not immediately stopped.

At the termination of the pursuit, Deputy Coyle estimated he was approximately 100 feet behind the suspect when he abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. Deputy Coyle scanned the passenger seats of the suspect's vehicle as he drove past it to verify it was unoccupied. Deputy Coyle stopped his patrol vehicle at the front of the residential driveway located at [redacted] Santa Ana Street. Upon exiting the patrol vehicle, from a distance of approximately fifteen to thirty feet away, Deputy Coyle observed the suspect holding a medium, black semi-automatic handgun. The handgun was in the suspect's right hand as ran southbound through the driveway. Deputy Coyle stated, "I remember it clear as day" and it was "100%, hands down, a semi-automatic black handgun" **[Deputy Coyle Transcript, page 23]**. Deputy Coyle noticed the suspect's right arm was extended along the right side of his body, and "it was not bending and running back and forth like the other arm" **[Deputy Coyle Transcript, page 29]**. Deputy Coyle did not want to remain in a stationary position behind the patrol vehicle's door while in the suspect's line of fire. He quickly assessed his

surroundings and identified a [redacted] wall along the east end of the driveway as potential cover **[Deputy Coyle Transcript, pages 25 and 27]**. As he advanced past the front end of the patrol vehicle to obtain cover next to the wall, the suspect turned and extended the handgun in Deputy Coyle's direction. Deputy Coyle stated, "I thought I was about to get shot. I thought he was about to kill me" **[Deputy Coyle Transcript, page 24]**. Fearing for his life, Deputy Coyle fired two to three rounds from his duty weapon at the suspect. The suspect turned forward and continued to run; however, a short distance later, the suspect turned again and extended the gun in Deputy Coyle's direction. Deputy Coyle fired two to three rounds from his duty weapon at the suspect.

Deputy Coyle estimated the suspect was approximately thirty to sixty feet away from him when he first shot, and an additional twenty to thirty feet away during the second time he shot. Deputy Coyle identified the backdrop to be a fence at the end of the long residential driveway. The suspect was the only person in the driveway at the time of the shooting.

IAB Note: **IAB investigators reviewed the video surveillance footage of the incident. The suspect was in the vicinity of the second residence ([redacted] Santa Ana Street) at the time of the shooting. Based on the crime scene diagram measurements, the estimated distance from the second residence to the front of the driveway was approximately 120 to 150 feet.**

Due to the imminent threat Deputy Coyle encountered as he moved to cover from his patrol unit to the driveway wall, he believed he was not in the "normal shooting position I was trained to be in" **[Deputy Coyle Transcript, page 34]**. Deputy Coyle focused on his front gun sight to aim at the suspect both times he fired his weapon. He was unable to recall if he was in an upright or crouched position at the time of the shooting.

Deputy Coyle was shown crime scene photographs to identify his and the suspect's movements/positions leading up to the deputy involved shooting. Deputy Coyle viewed an aerial photograph of the property and he marked an "X" in the area of the driveway, closest to the street, where he first saw the suspect with the handgun. Deputy Coyle marked two additional "X"s with a connecting line in the area of the driveway where the suspect turned and pointed the handgun at him. Additionally, he viewed two photographs depicting the patrol unit parked at the mouth of the driveway and he circled the area of the driveway wall he used for cover during the incident **[EXHIBIT I]**.

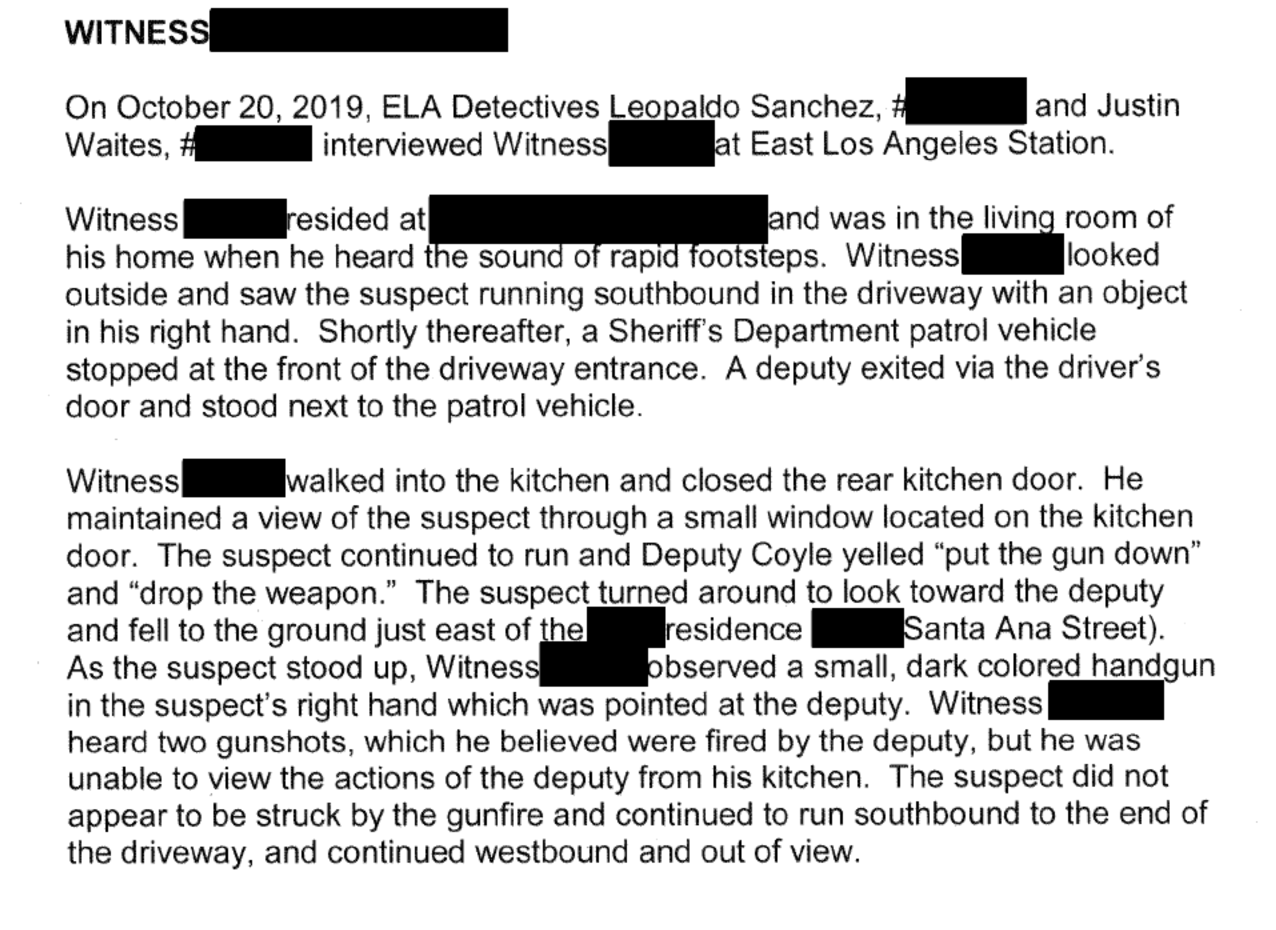
Deputy Coyle viewed the video surveillance footage and listened to the radio traffic related to the incident. IAB investigators asked Deputy Coyle if he heard the sound of consecutive gunfire during the radio traffic. Deputy Coyle felt confident he had a two handed grip on his handgun during the shooting and

believed the sound was possibly "coming back down the driveway from the shots." Deputy Coyle also acknowledged he may have had a one handed grip at one point during the shooting but "it all happened so quick" and his recollection of the incident remained the same **[Deputy Coyle Transcript, pages 44-46]**.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Coyle about the fact his patrol vehicle's siren was not audible during the initial portion of the radio traffic during the pursuit. Deputy Coyle thought he activated the siren and the overhead lights simultaneously during the initiation of the pursuit. He was unable to recall or provide any further explanation.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following are summaries of recorded witness interviews by IAB and East Los Angeles Station investigators. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.



WITNESS [redacted]

On October 20, 2019, ELA Detectives Leopaldo Sanchez, #[redacted] and Justin Waites, #[redacted] interviewed Witness [redacted] at East Los Angeles Station.

Witness [redacted] resided at [redacted] and was in the living room of his home when he heard the sound of rapid footsteps. Witness [redacted] looked outside and saw the suspect running southbound in the driveway with an object in his right hand. Shortly thereafter, a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle stopped at the front of the driveway entrance. A deputy exited via the driver's door and stood next to the patrol vehicle.

Witness [redacted] walked into the kitchen and closed the rear kitchen door. He maintained a view of the suspect through a small window located on the kitchen door. The suspect continued to run and Deputy Coyle yelled "put the gun down" and "drop the weapon." The suspect turned around to look toward the deputy and fell to the ground just east of the [redacted] residence [redacted] Santa Ana Street). As the suspect stood up, Witness [redacted] observed a small, dark colored handgun in the suspect's right hand which was pointed at the deputy. Witness [redacted] heard two gunshots, which he believed were fired by the deputy, but he was unable to view the actions of the deputy from his kitchen. The suspect did not appear to be struck by the gunfire and continued to run southbound to the end of the driveway, and continued westbound and out of view.

WITNESS [redacted]

On October 20, 2019, ELA Detectives Sanchez, Waites, and IAB Sergeant Valle interviewed Witness [redacted] at East Los Angeles Station.

Witness [redacted] resided at [redacted] and was "half asleep" in the living room when he heard his [redacted]. Witness [redacted] say "there's somebody running." Witness [redacted] sat up and heard what he believed was the voice of a deputy shout, "Put the gun down!" followed by the sound of four gunshots. Witness [redacted] took cover and immediately laid on the floor.

Witness [redacted] did not see the suspect nor the deputy prior to the shooting. After the shooting, Witness [redacted] saw Deputy Coyle standing outside of the patrol vehicle parked at the front of the driveway.

WITNESS [redacted]

On October 20, 2019, ELA Detective Armando Hernandez, #[redacted] and IAB Sergeant Valle interviewed Witness [redacted] at East Los Angeles Station. The interview was conducted in Spanish.

Witness [redacted] resided at [redacted] and was in the living room when she heard a loud tire screech outside of her home. She opened the front door and observed a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle at the front of the driveway. Deputy Coyle exited the patrol vehicle, yelled commands, and fired his handgun. Witness [redacted] immediately closed the door and dropped down on the floor to take cover. Witness [redacted] heard approximately seven gunshots.

Witness [redacted], Witness [redacted] told her he heard Deputy Coyle yell "drop the weapon" prior to the shooting. Witness [redacted] later observed Deputy Coyle taking cover by a wall, next to his patrol vehicle, with his handgun pointed toward the end of the driveway. Witness [redacted] did not see the suspect during the incident.

WITNESS [redacted]

On October 20, 2019, ELA Detective Hernandez and IAB Sergeant Valle interviewed Witness [redacted] at East Los Angeles Station. The interview was conducted in Spanish.

Witness [redacted] resided at [redacted] and was in the living room when he heard a loud tire screech, which he believed came from the suspect's vehicle. His wife, Witness [redacted] opened the front door and observed a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle in the driveway. Deputy Coyle exited the driver's door of the patrol vehicle, drew his handgun, and yelled for the suspect to "drop your weapon." Witness [redacted] heard gunfire he believed was fired by the

suspect. He also believed Deputy Coyle fired back as he stood behind the open driver side door of the patrol unit. The deputy transitioned to cover behind a utility pole. Fearing for his safety, Witness [redacted] dropped to the floor. He estimated he heard approximately five to six gunshots. Witness [redacted] did not see the suspect during the incident.

WITNESS [redacted]

On October 20, 2019, ELA Detective Hernandez and IAB Sergeant Valle interviewed Witness [redacted] at East Los Angeles Station.

Witness [redacted] was at [redacted] visiting his friends, Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] He was in the living room watching television when he heard a loud tire screech, which he believed came from the Sheriff's patrol vehicle. Witness [redacted] look out the front door, and observed Deputy Coyle standing outside of the patrol vehicle. Deputy Coyle drew his firearm and shouted "throw your gun." Fearing for his safety, Witness [redacted] dropped to the floor. He estimated he heard approximately seven to eight gunshots. Witness [redacted] stood up, walked to the rear area of the residence, and recalled seeing Deputy Coyle taking cover behind a utility pole. Witness [redacted] did not see the suspect during the incident.

WITNESS [redacted]

On October 20, 2019, ELA Detectives Samantha Jones, [redacted] and IAB Sergeant Victor Puebla interviewed Witness [redacted] at East Los Angeles Station.

Witness [redacted] resided at [redacted] and was in the backyard when he heard the sound of tires screeching to a halt. Witness [redacted] saw the suspect exit a gray, Toyota Camry, from the driver's side door, and ran eastbound on Santa Ana Street. Witness [redacted] estimated approximately fifteen to twenty second gap from the time the suspect fled from the vehicle, to the time Witness [redacted] saw a Sheriff's patrol unit arrive on scene. Witness [redacted] lost visual of the suspect as he ran southbound through the driveway past the first residence on the property, and observed the Sheriff's patrol unit stop at the front of the driveway. A deputy exited the patrol unit, drew his handgun, and stood behind the open driver's side door. He transitioned to a nearby wall to obtain cover. Witness [redacted] heard a gunshot but was unsure if it was fired by the suspect or Deputy Coyle. Witness [redacted] immediately ran into his residence and heard an additional four to six gunshots.

After the shooting, Witness [redacted] looked through a kitchen window and saw Deputy Coyle standing by the patrol vehicle with his weapon drawn.

WITNESS [redacted]

On October 20, 2019, ELA Detectives Jones [redacted] and IAB Sergeant Puebla interviewed Witness [redacted] at East Los Angeles Station.

Witness [redacted] resided at [redacted] and was in his bedroom when he heard the sound of tires screeching. He believed a deputy yelled "some sort of instruction" or commands. Witness [redacted] peeked out of his front door and saw Deputy Coyle positioned near the front end of the patrol vehicle with his firearm drawn, aiming down the residential driveway of [redacted] Santa Ana Street. Deputy Coyle fired two rounds and voiced radio traffic as he maintained a visual down the driveway until assisting units arrived. Witness [redacted] did not see the suspect during the incident.

WITNESS [redacted]

On October 20, 2019, ELA Detectives Andrew Morrell, #[redacted] and Juan Castellanos, #[redacted] interviewed Witness [redacted] at her residence, [redacted] Cudahy. Witness [redacted] was inside the detached garage during the incident. The garage door was partially down, approximately one foot from the top, leaving an approximate six foot opening. There was a [redacted] that extended across the entire length of the opening.

Witness [redacted] attention was drawn to the sound of a siren from a patrol unit which stopped at the end of the driveway. She presumed she heard a deputy yell, "drop your gun." A few seconds later, she heard 3 to 5 "BB gun" rounds fired directly outside of the garage. She heard the sound of "running" towards the rear (south) of the residential driveway. Witness [redacted] believed the "BB gun" shots were fired toward the direction of the street (north).

ELA Detectives asked Witness [redacted] to describe the difference between shots fired from a "BB gun" compared to shots fired from a real firearm. Witness [redacted] stated her family owned "BB guns." She had personal shot them, and was around others who had fired BB guns. Witness [redacted] indicated the sound of the "BB gun" shots were "really clear" to her. Witness [redacted] did not hear any additional gun fire and did not see the suspect nor the deputy during the incident.

WITNESS [redacted]

On October 20, 2019, ELA Detectives Morrell and Castellanos interviewed Witness [redacted] at her residence, [redacted] Cudahy. Witness [redacted] was inside her room when her attention was drawn to the sound of a siren from a patrol unit. Once the siren stopped, she heard "some running" and a male yell, "drop the gun!" A second later, she heard one shot, a pause, followed

by 2 to 3 gunshots. Shortly thereafter, she heard an additional 2 to 3 gunshots. She stated the gunshots did not have a "bang" and were "softer than an actual gun would be." Witness [redacted] described the gunshots as coming from a "BB gun."

ELA Detectives asked Witness [redacted] to describe the difference between shots fired from a "BB gun" compared to shots fired from a real firearm. Witness [redacted] stated her family owned "BB guns." She had personal shot them, and was around who had fired BB guns. Additionally, Witness [redacted] had been to a firing range with her father and was familiar with the sound of real gunfire, which she described to be "stronger and louder" than a "BB gun."